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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGER, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROBERT, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIEB, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BRAM & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Singapore. C. HEINZELN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS A. DE MELLO & Co., SOUZA, CAMPBELL & Co., Amoy. WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow. HEDG & Co., Shanghai. LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per Annum.
" 6 " " 4% " "
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2800,000.
RESERVE FUND, 150,000.

Banks.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS.—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

FINE NEW FIGS, direct from Smyrna. Brazil and Barcelona NUTS. LETT'S DIARIES for 1879.

Central and Pin Fire CARTRIDGE CASES. CLOTH and FELT GUN-WADS. American PARLOUR and COOKING STOVES.

COAL SCUTTLES, new designs. FENDERS and FIRE IRONS. COCOA MATTING. TAPESTRY CARPET. DOOR MATS.

California LAMBSWOOL-BLANKETS. WHITNEY BLANKETS. REP and other TABLE COVERS, Fancy Patterns.

TABLE LINEN. Fine TURKISH TOWELS. LINEN SHEETING. PILLOW LINEN.

GREEN and MARONE REP. FLANNEL SHIRTINGS. FANCY FLANNEL for Gents' Suits. NAVY BLUE SERGE.

CLOTH TROWSER LENGTHS, Assorted Patterns. ALBUMS, in great variety. CRUMB BRUSHES and TRAYS. CRUMB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. VERNON'S AUTOMATIC COFFEE MACHINES.

COFFEE ROASTERS. TREMBLING CALL BELLS. IMPERIAL TRACING CLOTH. DESSERT, DINNER and BREAK-FAST SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE, of every Description. FOLDING CHAIRS. CIGARS, CIGARETTES.

KELLY'S FAMOUS CUT TOBACCOES. HOUSEHOLD STORES, of every Description. CLARET in Casks. MALT. HOPS. CAUSTIC SODA, CANADIAN POTASH.

CARBOLIC ACID. CHLORIDE OF LIME, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.
Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

S A M H I N G STULTZ,
HAS JUST RECEIVED PER "CYPRUS," AND HAS FOR SALE—
NEW PATTERNS in CARPETS. WINDOW CURTAINS of all kinds. TABLE CLOTHS & TABLE NAPKINS. HATS in every style. DRESS BOOTS, and SHOES.

88 and 90, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, December 11, 1878. fe13

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS AND A HALF per Part.
To be had from Messrs LAMB, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from E. DE LAGRENE, Esq., French Consul of Canton, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 28th day of January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—
Sundry EFFECTS, belonging to the Estate of the late Captain LONGUEVILLE, comprising—
A large collection of BOOKS. A collection of Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Annamite COINS. Aneroid, Sextant, Microscopes, Telescopes, Binoculars, Medicine Chest, Breech-loading and Needle Rifles and Fowling-Pieces, Spencer Repeating Rifles, Pistols, and Cartridges. Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments, &c., &c., &c.
Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja25

For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILBER LAMPS. French and English BOOTS and SHOES. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CHUBB'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c. PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES. Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS. SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS. BASS'S ALE, Bottled by FOSTER. GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bass in Hhds., SACCOONE'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

BY Order of the Court of Directors, I have To-day HANDED OVER CHARGE of this Branch to Mr JAMES SOMERVILLE.

WILLIAM FORREST,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 16, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

NOTICE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP Co.

MR J. J. HOWARD is hereby authorized to SIGN BILLS OF LADING by the Company's Steamers.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879. fe2

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS hitherto Conducted by us at this Port, CANTON and SHANGHAI will be CONTINUED from this Date under the Style and Title of VOGEL & Co.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself at this Port and at CANTON as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Firm or Style of PUSTAU & Co.

T. I. E. VON PUSTAU.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fe1

NOTICE.

WE have Established a BRANCH of our Firm at SHANGHAI. ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1878. ja31

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned being about to Close his Firm at Swatow, hereby notifies that all DEBTS and CLAIMS due to or by him, he will Collect and Pay.

The Interest and Good will of his Business has been transferred to Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

E. VINCENT.
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. have This Day Established a BRANCH of their Firm at Swatow, and have authorized Mr G. D. FITZMAURICE to Sign per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, November 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT and AUDITOR.

THOS. ARNOLD.
18, Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. fs1

Intimations.

CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the undermentioned BANKS will be Closed on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation," D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China," H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China," J. SOMERVILLE, Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris," E. SCHWEBLIN, Actg. Agent.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation," T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.," R. H. SANDEMAN, Manager.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja23

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MACAO STEAMER will not run on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant.

By Order, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja23

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be Held at the Office of the Company, No. 50 A, Queen's Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th Instant, at 3 o'clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja29

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 20th Instant, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 10, 1879. ja29

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

G. FALCONER & Co. beg to announce that, during DECEMBER and JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

Just Arrived from England, an Elegant ASSORTMENT of SILVER CUPS, suitable for REGATTA or RACE MEETINGS.
Hongkong, November 26, 1878. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Head Office of the CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, is This Day REMOVED to No. 39, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.
Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision, and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL EXHIBITION of the SOCIETY will take place about the middle of FEBRUARY next.

The Days of Exhibition will be advertised at an early date.
W. M. B. ARTHUR,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 16, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

SHOT AND SHELL PRACTICE AT STANLEY.

ORDERLY Room, 20th January, 1879.

THE SEVEN POUNDER FIELD GUN DETACHMENTS will assemble at MURRAY PIER on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Instant, at 8 o'clock a.m.

SIDE ARMS and HELMETS.

A. COXON,
ja22 Captain-Commandant H. K. V. A.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS has Returned and is Now Ready to RECEIVE PATIENTS at No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "NORMANBY" will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. ja27

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "YANGTSE" will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANANIS" will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "J. H. INGERSOLL," Captain Dow, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 30, 1878. ja30

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "AGATE," Pike, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The 3/8 L. 1. 1. German Bark "CONDOR," STEFFENS, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 13, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The American Ship "FLEETWING," Guest, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.
Hongkong, December 3, 1878.

Intimations:

PLEASE NOTICE.

MR. H. SCHÜREN begs to advertise that he will leave this Colony for Europe on or about the 8th of March next, and that therefore no Photos. can be taken by him after the 28th of February.
Hongkong, January 13, 1879. fcl3

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.
SHOP—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenorchy* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m., To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. ja27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Iraquaddy,"
G (in demand) No. 1/3, Messrs Gilman & Co., 8 Cases Granite, from London.
Hongkong, January 8, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. TIGRE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Tigre*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 15th inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining undelivered after To-day, the 21st instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

Fontenay, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

Fanny, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

Prince Arthur, British barque, Capt. R. Wills.—Chinese.

Maid of Judah, British barque, Capt. Alfred W. Webb.—Rozario & Co.

Pacific, German steamer, Capt. Hermsen.—Stensen & Co.

Pilgrim, American ship, Capt. Fowle.—Russell & Co.

Alfredo, Italian barque, Captain S. Pittaluga.—Borneo Co., Limited.

To-day's Advertisements.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 3.—Vol. VII.

—OF THE—

"CHINA REVIEW" CONTAINS—

Journal from the Book of Rites.
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.

Ethnological Sketches from the Dawn of History.
China of the "Te-Tsing" Dynasty.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
The Ballads of the Shih-ling.
Translations of Chinese School-books.

Tonic and Vocal Modification in the Foochow Dialect.
Legislation and Law in Ancient China.

A Plea for "Fan-k'wai."
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
Tales on Industries in Canton.
A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles, Lamps and Fire.

Legends on Chinese Porcelain.
Tame Birds.
To make a Tui (Antithesis).
"Respect This."
The Army of Kwangtung.
Gutta Percha in China.
Chinese Dialects.

"Confucius, Losing a Horse in the Desert."
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 29th January, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the Office of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., Praya,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD and OFFICE FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

English-made Mahogany Morocco-covered Sofas and Easy Chairs.
English-made Oak Marble-top Cheffonier.

Pier Glasses, Clocks, Gasaliers and Gas Brackets, Engravings, Carpets, Glass Bookcases, and Books.

Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Tables, Washstands, Toilet Tables and Glasses, etc., etc.

Office Desks, Paper Presses, Sets Pigeon Holes, Book Shelves, Copying Presses and Stationery.

1 American-made Carom Billiard Table, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete, by Phelan and Collinder.

1 Iron Safe, 1 Fancy Iron Safe, by Verstaen; 1 Chubb's Iron Safe; 2 Platform and 1 Money Scales and Weights.

2 Printing Presses, a Quantity of Types, Type Stands, &c.
1 Four-Oar Gig, with Awning, Oars, &c., complete.

1 Phelan.
And,
SUNDRY WINE.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Tuesday, the 28th instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879. ja29

LOST.
ABOUT the 27th or 28th Dec., an English White Poodle DOG, Female. Answers to the name of "BEAUTY." A Liberal Reward will be given for its return to 3rd door above Gage Street, on Peel Street, Miss GORDON.
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

MEDICAL MISS. SOCIETY.

THE 40th ANNUAL MEETING of this SOCIETY was held in Canton, at the house of Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., on the 14th instant. G. NYE, Esq., Senior Vice-President in the Chair. The Treasurer's Report (Audited by the Commission of Customs) was presented and abstracts read from the Report of the Work at the Society's Hospital and Dispensaries.

Forty Thousand cases were treated during 1878, about Two Thousand of which were Surgical.

Dr. F. CARROW, who has been Surgeon in charge for the past three years, resigned that post, and Dr. J. G. KERR, lately returned from America, was appointed in his stead. Detailed Accounts of the cases treated both Medical and Surgical will appear in the Printed Report for 1878, which will be circulated as soon as they are ready.

F. CARROW, M.D.,
Secretary.

January 21, 1879.



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;
VIA BOMBAY,
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship PEKIN, Captain W. Woolcott, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 1st February, at Noon.

Tes and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. MOIVER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 20, 1879. fcl

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 21, *Iraquaddy*, French steamer, 2588, Gouvalin, Shanghai Jan. 18, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 21, *Douglas*, British steamer, 864, M. Young, Foochow Jan. 17, Amoy 19, and Swatow 20, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRANCA & Co.

Jan. 21, *Lee Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 784, Tiedall, Shanghai and Swatow Jan. 20, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 21, *Envy*, Spanish steamer, 222, F. Blanco, Manila Jan. 18, General.—REMDON & Co.

Jan. 21, *Yotung*, British steamer, 286, S. W. Goggin, Swatow Jan. 20, General.—KWOK ACHONG.

Jan. 21, 1.30 p.m., *Hwai Yuen*, Chinese steamer, 860, O. Wilson, Shanghai Jan. 18 6 a.m., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Jan. 21, *Karo*, British steamer, 979, T. Colling, Swatow Jan. 20, Ballant.—CARTER.

Jan. 21, *Teucer*, British steamer, 1766, Power, Liverpool Nov. 28, via ports of call, and Singapore Jan. 14, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Jan. 21, *Armide*, French iron-clad, 8800, de la Barriere, Manila Jan. 17, 12 guns, 450 H.P.

CLEARED.

For Rangoon.
New Constant, for Manila.
Glenorchy, for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 21, S. R. Beare, for New York.
21, *Pernambuco*, for Saigon.
21, Amoy, for Shanghai.
21, Yuen, for Swatow and Amoy.
21, *Maid of Judah*, for Takow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Iraquaddy*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Messrs H. I. Such, E. A. Reeves, L. Nelson, and 4 Chinese; for Marseilles, Messrs G. J. W. Cowie, L. Fraser, H. Bröschen, H. W. Hagar, G. Roellot, Miss Anna de Biehme, Messrs Geo. Moboby, J. W. Rothery, Daniel Gregor, and H. J. Cook.

Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Capt. Douglas, Messrs Anderson and Wade, and 11 Chinese.

Per *Hwai Yuen*, from Shanghai, Mr. Hiebrunner, and 33 Chinese.

Per *Lee Yuen*, from Shanghai and Swatow, 35 Chinese.

Per *Envy*, from Manila, 45 Chinese, and 1 European deck.

Per *Yotung*, from Swatow, 9 Chinese.

Per *Teucer*, from Straits, 125 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Pernambuco*, for Saigon, 32 Chinese.

Per *Amoy*, for Shanghai, 12 Chinese.

Per *Yuen*, for Coast, 800 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per *Glenorchy*, for Shanghai, 4 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Left Foochow (Friday) 17th inst., Amoy 19th, and Foochow at 4 p.m. 20th. Had moderate monsoon and fine weather to Amoy. Light airs and hazy to Swatow, and from there to port variable winds with passing showers. Passed S. S. *Yotung* off Tongkoo Point, and S. S. *Lee Yuen* off Nin-ping both bound West. At Foochow: German corvette *Fregat*. At Amoy: H. M. S. *Hart*, and S. S. *Koro*. At Swatow: S. S. *Koro*, *Tenstin*, and *Kwangtung*.

The Chinese steamer *Lee Yuen* reports: Fine weather and steady N.E. monsoon.

The Spanish steamer *Envy* reports: Moderate monsoon throughout and fine weather.

The British steamer *Yotung* reports: Moderate monsoon and cloudy weather.

The Chinese steamer *Hwai Yuen* reports: Light variable winds and cloudy from Shanghai to Breaker Point, thence to port moderate N.E. winds and cloudy.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

For HOIHOW, with a mail for Pakhoi.—Per H.M.S. *Magpie*, at 2 p.m., on Thursday, the 23rd inst.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—The French Contract Packet *Iraquaddy* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.—The British Contract Packet *Pekin* will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 1st February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius.

HOURS OF CLOSING

THE CONTRACT MAILS.
The following hours are observed in closing Mails, &c., by both the British and French Contract Packets:—

Day before departure, 5 p.m.—Money Order Office closes; Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure, 7 a.m.—Post Office opens.

10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns ceases.

11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late Letters.

11.10 a.m.—Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents until

11.30 a.m.—when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted on board the packet with Late Fee of 18 cents until time of departure.

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET.—The Australian Contract Packet *Normandy*, will be despatched from Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 27th instant, with Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Kessel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Melbourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after 1.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 1.30. Supplementary mail on board until 18 cents late fee till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if deiced, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, Jan. 18, 1879. ja27

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—The United States Mail Packet *Oceanic* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 4th February, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2.15 p.m. Registry of Letters ceases.

3.30 p.m. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Monte Video, Pataguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, January 18, 1879. ja28

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Bank Holiday.
Volunteer Shell Practice at Stanley.

MEMOS. FOR THURSDAY.

Meeting.

8 p.m.—Meeting of United Service Lodge.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, January 25:—

Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

MORAY, January 27:—

2 p.m.—*Normandy* leaves for Singapore, &c.

Goods per *Glenorchy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, January 28:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Effects, &c., at Mr. Armstrong's Sales Rooms.

WEDNESDAY, January 29:—

2 p.m.—Sale of Household and Office Furniture, &c., at Oliphant & Co.'s Office, Praya.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., Limited, at No. 50 A, Queen's Road.

SATURDAY, February 1:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

TUESDAY, February 4:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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The publication of this issue commenced at 7.05 p.m.

BIRTHS.

At Shanghai, on the 12th Jan., the Wife of WILLIAM FORRESTER, of a Daughter.

At Shanghai, on the 14th Jan., Mrs. ARTHUR ANDERSON, of a Daughter.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 21, 1879.

REFERRING to the letter, over the signature of "Qui Vive," which appeared last night, it must be admitted that the published information concerning the prisoners recently liberated by H. E. the Governor has got rather "mixed," and the evidence given to-day by Li Awah before Mr. Justice Snowden places the matter in a worse muddle than ever.

As the subject is one of some importance, and we are ever desirous to base our objections to the action of His Excellency upon unquestioned facts—it may not be uninteresting to look at what has been said. In the morning paper of the 9th January, a simple statement appeared to the effect that the Governor had released sixty prisoners from the Gaol. On the same evening, having made special inquiries, we published a full explanation, the gist of which was that all the prisoners discharged, except one boy, were short-sentence prisoners (14 days); the boy, who had not served two-thirds of his sentence by two weeks, having been released at the recommendation of the committing magistrate (Mr. Francis).

The next reference in these columns to Gaol delivery (on the 18th) was as follows:—

We understand that no less than 75 prisoners were released from Victoria Gaol this morning by His Excellency the Governor's order. Many of these were long-sentence men who it is alleged had not yet completed two-thirds, and it is even said one half, of their respective terms of sentence. We may hear of them again, but are not anxious to do so.

And upon this information—guaranteed put because almost incredible—we commented next day (16th), but assumed that every prisoner had served two-thirds of his sentence. On the following day we were "informed that all the prisoners released from Gaol the other day by H. E. the Governor had fully served the two-thirds of their sentence, in accordance with the regulation scale of remission." So the matter stood when our edition for the homeward mail was published.

"Qui Vive" suggested the strong improbability of the coincidence—that two-thirds of the sentences of over seventy prisoners should be worked out on precisely the same day—ever occurring; although admitting that the occurrence was not an impossibility. Our belief in

the authenticity of the information supplied to us was, however, of the most loyal description; while the "fling" of our correspondent amounted to little more than a "question asked in the House" (on the Opposition side). In the face of the sworn statement of Li Awah, however, it is difficult to know which version is correct; and to say that no prisoner during the last ten days has been released before the expiration of two-thirds of his sentence, except the boy who had two weeks to serve, would not, we are constrained to believe, be "strictly accurate." Li Awah was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the 21st October; and after his "case was re-heard" in the Gaol Office, he was discharged on the 8th January, having served two months and eighteen days—nearly a fortnight short of the half, and one month and twelve days short of two-thirds of his sentence. Our readers can gather their own inferences from the different versions presented to them. Comment is unnecessary. As to the discretion displayed by the head of the Government, in presiding over or sanctioning the rehearing of cases within the precincts of the Gaol, that also may be left to the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, when opportunity offers. If a second Magistracy is intended to be opened inside the Gaol, then the question of Gaol extension must be re-opened and may take a new departure.

the introduction, was supplied by Captain Samuel Newton, or "Capt. Sam," who, it is asserted, was formerly Captain of one of the Canton boats, but it is mainly taken from the Hongkong papers. The heading "British Prestige Shaken" reminds us of some of the extraordinary headings our trans-Pacific journalists delight in attaching to the telegrams referring to the war in Afghanistan. In a copy of the *San Francisco Chronicle* received by a recent mail, we find the telegraphic announcement of the successful operations of the British forces on the Afghan borders thus introduced in large type, each sentence occupying a separate line:—"Three British Regiments retire Under Heavy Fire. The Quetta Column Meets with Reverses also. An Advance Upon Candahar to be Postponed." If this sort of thing has been kept up, these enterprising journalists must have by this time annihilated the British army in Afghanistan. This is almost as bad as the *New York Herald's* recent reference to "the poor wretched people of India, out of whose misery the English nation ground its wealth."

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 19th January, 1879.

The Ministerial statement made in the French Chambers describes the feeling of the Country as Republican and pacific; and promises to adopt rigorous measures against the assailants of the existing state of things. It hopes for profit by the termination of the Treaty of Commerce without departing from the principles of free trade.

The French Press condemns the programme as far too moderate, and generally the official statement has been received coldly.

A ministerial crisis is believed to be inevitable.

the purpose than those used hitherto, and if the rooms were thrown into one by substituting a couple of stout pillars in place of the wall which now divides them, it would not only tend to promote the comfort of the audience, but would do much towards increasing the popularity these entertainments already enjoy.—The only thing lacking to bring about this happy state of affairs is a few dollars judiciously expended—not a very large sum, at most \$100 or \$150, would be sufficient to convert the rooms into a really commodious hall. Mr D. R. Crawford, who presided during the evening, made a few very appropriate remarks.—Mr Lamert, as usual, opened the entertainment with a selection on the piano; then followed a duet "Far Away," which was very well sung by two gentlemen who have more than once assisted at these gatherings. A comic song entitled "The Baronet" was much appreciated and called forth an encore; the action of the performer being exceedingly appropriate. Mr Fraser-Smith then favored the audience with another sample of his well-known elocutionary powers—"Waterloo"—which he delivered with taste and feeling. "Nancy Lee" was next sung by Sergeant Wishart, who was deservedly applauded; and a volunteer, Mr Lave, then sang, "Let me like a soldier fall," his rich powerful voice (which however would be the better of a little training) enabled him to sing this somewhat difficult martial song in good style, and he responded to the encore which followed by singing "I'll hang my hat on a willow tree" without the piano. "Jock, the railway porter" was next sung by Mr Jamieson of the 74th, whose powers as a comedian are pretty well known, the song was really more a recital of the experiences of a railway porter on the Edinburgh and Glasgow Railway, given in good broad Scotch, than a song—the audience being kept in roars of laughter the whole time. His re-appearance was loudly demanded, when he gave another of the same sort, with if anything greater success—in fact, Jamieson was an entertainment in himself and had to appear no less than four times. A Reading by the Chairman about the benefits of "watering the milk" and the evils of keeping a cow, was in good taste, and delivered in a manner which kept every one in good humor. This, with a song by Mr Dirrell, whose efforts were somewhat marred by the absence of a banjo, and a song by Mr Freestick ("Thy voice is near") the sweetness of which was drowned by the piano, brought the proceedings to a close.

List of Articles presented to the City Hall Museum and Library, from 13th Dec. 1878 to 19th Jan., 1879:—1 Genet, by Hon. J. M. Price; 2 Pieces Clay, by Messrs Chong Yun Chan; 1 Glass Sponge, by G. S. Northcote, Esq.; 2 Vols. Athenaeum, and 1 Digest of the Criminal Law, by H. L. Denny, Esq.; 376 Bottles Sundries, and 1 Net, &c., &c. from Formosa, by Rev. Wm. Campbell; 2 Birds from Amoy, by J. Kirkwood, Esq.; 2 Birds, by J. E. Beale, Esq.; 1 Large Emon, and 1 Hyalanthine Gallinule, by C. Ford, Esq.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending January 19th 1879:—

| | European. | Chinese. |
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| Monday, Jan. 13th, | 71 | 616 |
| Tuesday, 14th, | 63 | 343 |
| Wednesday, 15th, | 63 | 299 |
| Thursday, 16th, | 69 | 302 |
| Friday, 17th, | 65 | 838 |
| Saturday, 18th, | 52 | 40 |
| Sunday, 19th, | 53 | |
| Totals, | 429 | 1,969 |
| Grand total, 2,397. | | |

The following telegrams are from the Singapore Daily Times:—

London, Jan. 10.—General Roberts successfully attacked and completely defeated the enemy at Khost with heavy loss; the British loss was but small. The Victory is expected to have a salutary effect. [Khost would appear to be the same as Khushi marked on the map as beyond the Shular Gurdan Pass, and if so General Roberts is within striking distance of Kabul, within 80 miles, but he cannot be strong enough to attack the capital.—Ed. S. T.]

London, Jan. 11.—The Earl of Beaconsfield has completely recovered.

Bombay, Jan. 11.—The Mangal tribe has assumed a threatening aspect and General Roberts consequently decided to return to Khorram and concentrate his scattered forces. The Cabul Sirdars have written a friendly letter to Major Cavagnar.

Aizul Khan has disbanded his army and left Khandahar. Latest advices state that General Stewart was one day's march from Khandahar on 8th January.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before Mr Justice Snowden.)
21st January, 1879.

H. G. James v. Lee Awah, \$90.—This was a claim for the value of certain articles of jewelry and a silk quilt which the defendant, as servant to plaintiff, had under his charge. The defendant had under his charge with stealing the articles and was sent to the gaol for 14 days.

October. He was released by order of H. E. the Governor on the 8th of this month, and last Tuesday appeared to prosecute the present plaintiff for his wages for five months. Mr Justice Russell, before whom that case was heard, adjourned the hearing to allow of the present action being taken, as a counter claim.

Mr James related the grounds upon which he based his claim, and called the man who succeeded defendant as his servant to prove that the articles alleged to be missing were not in the house when he took over charge. In answer to defendant, Mr James said he did not raise his wages from \$3 to \$10 to get him away from his previous master; he knew nothing of what his former master paid him. Defendant had then said he had made nothing on the mess money, as he had nothing to do with the mess at Bellevue; but he evidently expected to make something on the "chow-chow," in addition to his \$10, when he took service with the plaintiff (Mr James).

His Lordship remarked that \$10 was very good wages for a boy. Sergeant Toomey stated that he had arrested the defendant Lee Awah on the 20th October last, for stealing a bed-quilt and other articles the property of his employer, Mr James. He was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour on the 21st October.

His Lordship: Six months' hard labour? How comes he to be out of gaol now then? Witness: He was released by order of H. E. the Governor, on the 9th instant. Witness said he found none of the property in defendant's boxes or in his house; no trace was found of the property at the pawnbroker's shop.

His Lordship said he (Mr James) could ask any question he liked in cross-examination.

Lee Awah (the defendant) was then declared and stated how he came into the service of Mr James. He said that as regarded the jewelry sent to be missing he (defendant) had been sent to make a report of the robbery at the Central Station on the 20th July. He had left the plaintiff's service because his wages were not paid regularly. He had remained in the plaintiff's employ from July to September at the request of the plaintiff and still received no wages; he therefore told the plaintiff that he could not work any longer without wages. With regard to the missing property defendant—who spoke pretty fair English—said that plaintiff had distinctly told him that he did not know who to blame for the loss of the articles missing. He had applied several times for payment of his wages, and on the 10th October had threatened to summon the plaintiff. The plaintiff had then threatened to arrest him (defendant). Defendant took out a summons on the 11th. In regard to his release, he said H. E. the Governor visited the gaol on the 8th January when defendant stated his case. The result was that the case was re-heard.

His Lordship: Re-heard? Where was it re-heard? Witness (continued):—In the office of the Gaol, before Mr Toomey; and on that re-hearing he was discharged. Plaintiff had promised to pay his wages when he came out of gaol. He had engaged a substitute whilst sick; and he suspected that the ring and other articles missing were stolen by the substitute. He (defendant) did not know the substitute before; he only met him at another house. He last saw the rings before he went home sick; they were in a small box on the dressing table. He could not find the substitute now; and he denied having willfully allowed the substitute to escape.

His Lordship adjourned the case for one week in order that he might confer with Mr Justice Russell regarding the other suit.

Wai Aching v. R. Snow, \$16.00.—This was a claim for painting the cabin of the American barque *Helena*. Defendant denied liability on the ground of the work not having been done to his satisfaction. The work was done last time the vessel was here, and an acknowledgment of the debt had been signed by defendant, in which he promised to pay the amount, providing the work stood. The work was not at all satisfactory, hence the dispute.

His Lordship said he should give judgment for the defendant, with costs, at the same time remarking that these written contracts were sometimes hard on the Chinese painter, as they were written in English; and he (his Lordship) was therefore very careful to sift such cases in order to do justice. At the same time they must do their work properly, although they could not be expected to do their work as well as Europeans.

Yan Ayau v. Thevenin, \$9.70.—This was a claim for wages, &c. Defendant admitted \$1.63. Plaintiff said he was willing to accept that sum, providing he got his clothes. Defendant said he had never refused to give up the clothes, and had been willing all along to pay the \$1.63. The plaintiff had been to gaol for 8 months, with hard labour, for stealing from his (defendant's) store, and when he came out of gaol, he went to the store and demanded his papers, clothes and money in a very impudent manner.

His Lordship said that the plaintiff might think himself lucky to get the \$1.63; he would give judgment for that amount, without costs.

Foster v. McKirdy, \$45.—This was a claim for wages as an oiler on board S.S. *Perusia*, of which the defendant is the master. It would appear that the plaintiff took an advance note for the amount, which was drawn upon Messrs Olyphant and Co., who were the charterers of the steamer. The defendant did not deny the validity of the note, but said that the plaintiff had neglected to cash the note before the ship left. When the ship returned, Messrs Olyphant & Co. had failed, and the note was valueless. At the same time the ship had been debited with the amount, and the only question for the Court was whether the defendant was liable for the amount under the circumstances. The defendant stated that it was the universal custom for seamen if they did not use their advance notes to return them to the master before the ship sailed, who would then write the amount off the articles and the seaman would get the benefit. The plaintiff when asked by His Lordship why he had not done this, said that he had not cashed his note the previous voyage and had got the money when the ship returned here, so had thought it all safe this time.

His Lordship said it was a very important point, and he would consider the matter and give his decision next Tuesday.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

21 Jan., 1879.
SIR.—On reading the Speech of H. E. the Governor, which was delivered at the annual distribution of prizes at the Central School, I observe that he makes one or two remarks on the defective knowledge of Chemistry possessed by the pupils, and which the Governor discovered himself after examination of the boys.

H. E. did not however give his audience any hint as to the nature of the questions put, further than the general remark that they were "really very simple elementary questions." They were five in number, and out of these only one was answered properly. I have not seen any official copy of the questions put by the Governor on the occasion, but from what I can gather from various sources four of the questions were as follows; the fifth I have been unable to hear anything about:—

1. What is Heat?
2. What is Light?
3. Give the principal element contained in Rice.
4. State what are the chemical constituents of Tea?

Now, I would beg to ask anyone at all acquainted with the subject of Chemistry—it does not particularly matter whether he be an "honourable or learned friend,"—if the above four questions are "really very simple and elementary"? Were they reasonable questions to put to such a class? Were they included in the subjects taught at any time during the year elementary course of chemistry at the Central School? Do the first and second questions relating to Heat and Heat come under Chemistry? Are they not usually taught under the head of Natural Philosophy or Physics? Do not the third and fourth questions come under Organic Chemistry, a branch of the subject never taught in the Central School? Was it a fair test of the boys' knowledge of Chemistry to take them outside of the subjects they had studied? Is it a fact that text-books are used by the pupils at the Central School?

The Governor in his speech makes the following statement:—"During the last six months instead of four European teachers we have had five in the school." I do not know who is responsible for the Governor's want of accurate information, because the fifth European teacher only joined the staff on the 2nd instant, when St. Paul's College was shut up for the second time in its history; and therefore the additional teacher could have had nothing to do with the teaching in the Central School during the past year.

Yours, FAIRPLAY.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier.)

We believe we are correct in stating that the long-expected question of the new uniform for the S.V.C. may be considered as at length decided, and that it will be of the brilliant scarlet and soldier-like pattern of the sketch submitted to the Council.

An impudent attempt at extortion has just been brought to our notice. A well-to-do Chinese woman was stopped in the Foochow Road on Friday last by a native who represented himself to be a broker. He claimed acquaintance, and asked her to lend him \$20. She failed to recognise him and told him so, but he still continued to importune her and told her if she did not pay him the money he would have her arrested. She ridiculed his impudence, and he went away declaring vengeance. Shortly afterwards he appeared at the Mixed Court and represented that the woman was his second wife, and that she had left him, taking away property of the value of about \$250. A writ was placed in his statement, and a warrant was granted for the woman's apprehension. It was afterwards signed by Mr C. F. R. Allen, the British Assessor, and handed over to Inspector Wilson, of the Louza Police Station, for execution. The woman was apprehended and taken to the Police Station, where she denied all knowledge of the man who claimed her as his wife, and on enquiries being made her statements were found to be true. Bail was accepted for her appearance. The case came before the Court on Monday last, when the whole thing was explained to be an attempt to extort money from her under fear of arrest, and she was liberated. An application that her persecutor should be punished was discontinued by the Chinese Magistrate. The man has not lived long in Shanghai, and it is thought he will be ignorant of the fact that the warrant would be executed under foreign supervision, otherwise it would not have been difficult for his rogues to have succeeded.

PEKING.

Dec. 8th.

The weather here remains very mild. Our lowest observation of the thermometer at night has been 19° F., by day 84°.

Two of the London Missionaries have returned from a long visit to Shantung, where some 800 persons were baptized, among them a dozen graduates. There are at least one thousand more names on their lists, applicants either for the initiatory rite or instruction. This is unexampled progress.

From Shanai we learn that the late rains in many parts of the province have done very considerable damage. In the 9th month, in four of the haies in Tai-yuen-fu, it rained incessantly during the 7th, 8th and 9th, and on the 15th and 16th it rained more or less. The sun was not seen from the 9th to the 16th; many houses fell, the people in large numbers were dying of fever; and the millet crops were completely destroyed.

In Shantung too, the Yellow River had burst its banks and flooded the surrounding country, filling up the old dry water courses. In many places it stretched continuously for twenty or thirty li and ranged from 8 or 4 inches to 1½ feet deep. The alluvial soil left after the subsidence amounted to 3 or 4 inches.

More snow has fallen, and the wheat crop may be said to be secure. Next year the poorest will be able to eat "white flour"—N. C. D. News.

The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

The Chinese Protection Department is resolved, it would appear, to make a noise in the world. According to a clause in the Immigration Ordinance, a master of a vessel conveying coolies from China to this port must not land them until an Inspector from the Chinese Department shall have boarded the vessel and given the master his

consent to the men being allowed to leave. This, we understand, is the case whether the passage of the coolies has been paid or not.

The master of the *Carribrooke*, Captain Wharton—one of the most respectable ship-masters trading with this port,—was unfortunate enough to run against the Ordinance some time ago, by not preventing coolies whom he had brought from China from landing before they were examined by the Protector's Agent. A prosecution was instituted, notwithstanding the fact that the *Carribrooke* anchored in the harbour during the night, and that it may have been difficult for the Captain to detain coolies, whose passage had been paid, until the arrival of the Protector's Agent the next day. We regret to have to state, too, that a warrant for the apprehension of Captain Wharton, who has been a trader here for years past, was applied for, granted and executed when he would have supported a summons would have answered all purposes. The Magistrate held yesterday that Captain Wharton had offended against the Act, and fined him \$100. What ever justification the Chinese Department may have had in instituting proceedings in this case we think it would have been more advisable if less animus had been shown by the Protector, and only a nominal fine inflicted by the Magistrate. The Chinese Department is not a particularly popular one, indeed, few people believe in its utility, and, as a new institution, it would recommend that instead of making people feel its existence by a severe system of prosecution it would be more desirable that it should proceed by easy stages. A new Ordinance only encounters distrust by being put into force in an arbitrary manner, and we would suggest that the present gentlemen who are deputed to see that the Immigration Ordinance is carried out should be instructed to act with tact, discretion and leniency.

In penning our remarks yesterday regarding the prosecution instituted against Captain Wharton, we were unaware of the fact that it was intended to modify the opinion we pronounced. It appears that this was the third complaint made against him, and that it was in accordance with the spirit we recommended that a prosecution had twice previously been withheld. Furthermore, the clause in the Immigration Ordinance to which we referred has reference to the Harbour-masters and not to the Chinese department, the latter, under the instructions of the Government, endeavouring to obviate the inconvenience caused by a literal enforcement of the Ordinance by sending an officer on board at 6.30 A.M., to receive the Captain's report instead of obliging him to wait until 10 A.M. In using the word "animus" we were perhaps mistaken, as we are informed that Captain Wharton was totally unknown to the official who instituted the prosecution, and that the Assistant Protector stated in Court that he had no opposition to offer to any arrangement which dispensed with the Captain's presence after the case had been formally opened. We are further informed that, in all cases, masters of vessels have been warned only when the Ordinance has been infringed a first or second time.

CELEBRITIES AT HOME.

CAPTAIN RICHARD F. BURTON AT TRIESTE.

It is not given to every man to go to Trieste. The fact need not cause universal regret, inasmuch as the chief Austrian port on the Adriatic shores with ancient towns the disagreeable character of presenting a fair appearance from a distance, and suffering the traveller, who has become for the time a denizen, with a painful sense of disenchantment. Perhaps the first glimpse of Trieste owes something through a desolate stony wilderness called the Karso. As the train glides from these inhospitable heights towards Trieste, the head of the Adriatic presents a scene of unrivalled beauty. On one side rise high, rugged, wooded mountains, on a ledge of which the raills are laid; on the other is a deep precipice, at whose base rolls the blue sea, dotted with lateen sails, painted of every shade of colour, and adorned with figures of saints and other popular devices. The white town staring out of the corner covers a considerable space, and places its villa outposts high up the neighbouring hills covered with verdure to the water's edge. Trieste is a polyglot settlement of Austrians, Italians, Slavs, Jews, and Greeks, of whom the two latter monopolise the commerce. It is a city derided and ill-drained. It might advantageously be called the city of three winds. One of these, the *Bora*, blows the people almost into the sea with its fury, rising suddenly, like a cyclone, and sweeping down before it, the second is named the *Scirocco*, which blows the drainage back into the town; and the third is the *Contravento*, blowing at once against each other. Alternating atmospherically between extremes of heat and cold, Trieste is, from a political point of view, practically pushing the principles of indifference to the verge of disorder.

Arrived at the railway station, there is no need to call a cab and ask to be driven to the British Consul's, since, just opposite the station and close to the sea rises the tall block of building in which the Consulate is situated. Somewhat puzzled to choose between three entrances, the stranger proceeds to mount the long series of steps lying beyond the particular portal to which he is directed. There is a superstition, prevalent in the building and in the neighbourhood, that there are but four stories, including but one hundred and twenty steps. Whoso, after a protracted climb, finally succeeds in reaching Captain Burton's landing, will entertain considerable doubts as to the correctness of the estimate. A German dame opens the door, and inquires whether the visitor wants to see the Graf or the Herr Consul. Captain and Mrs. Burton are well, if slightly lodged on a flat composed of room separated by a corridor adorned with a picture of our Saviour, a statue of St. Joseph with a lamp, and before it. Thus far, the belongings are all of the cross; but no sooner are we landed in the little drawing-room than signs of the crescent appear, opening into one another, are bright with Oriental hangings, with trays and dishes of gold and silver, brass trays and goblets, and chibouques with great amber mouthpieces, and all kinds of Eastern treasures mingled with family souvenirs. There is no carpet, but a Bedouin rug occupies the middle of the floor, and vies in brilliancy of colour with Persian enamels and bits of good old china. There are no sofas, but plenty of divans covered with Damascus stuffs. Thus far the interior is as Mesopotamian as

the exterior is Christian; but a curious effect is produced among the Oriental mien by the presence of a pianoforte and a compact little library of well-chosen books. There is too another library here, greatly treasured by Mrs. Burton, to wit, a collection of her husband's works in about forty volumes. On the walls are many interesting relics, models, and diplomas of honour, one of which is especially prized by Captain Burton. It is the *brevet de pointe* earned in France for swordsmanship. Near this hangs a picture of the Damascus home of the Burtons by Frederick Leighton.

As the guest is inspecting this bright bit of colour he will be conscious of a full accident tones of a voice skilled in many languages, but never so full and hearty as when bidding a friend welcome. The speaker, Richard Burton, is a living proof that intense work, mental and physical, sojourn in torrid and frozen climes, danger from dagger and from pestilence, 'age' a person of good sound constitution far less than may be supposed. A Hertfordshire man, a soldier, and the son of a soldier, of mingled Scotch, Irish, and French descent, his iron frame shows in its twelfth lustre no sign of decay. *Arme blanche* and more insidious fever have neither dimmed his eye nor wasted his sinews. Standing about five feet eleven, his broad deep chest and square shoulders reduce his apparent height very considerably, and the illusion is intensified by hands and feet of Oriental smallness. The Eastern and indeed distinctly Arab, look of the man is made more pronounced by prominent cheek-bones (across one of which is a scar of a sabre-cut), by closely cropped black hair tinged with gray, and a pair of piercing black gipsy-looking eyes. A short straight nose, a determined mouth partly hidden by a black moustache, and a deeply-bronzed complexion lit by livid pallor, complete the remarkable physiognomy so wonderfully rendered on canvas by Frederick Leighton only a couple of seasons ago. It is not to be wondered at that this stern Arab face, and a tongue marvellously rich in Oriental idiom and Mahometan lore, should have deceived doctors learned in the Koran, among whom Richard Burton risked his life during that memorable pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina, on which the slightest gesture or accent betraying the Frank would have unheeded a hundred Kandjars. This celebrated journey, the result of an adventurous spirit worthy of a descendant of Rob Roy Macgregor, has never been surpassed in audacity or in perfect execution, and would suffice to immortalise his hero if he had not in addition explored Harar and Somali Land, organised a body of irregular cavalry in the Crimea, pushed (accompanied by Speke) into Eastern Africa from Zanzibar, visited the Mormons, explored the Cameron Mountains, visited the King of Dahomey, traversed the interior of Brazil, made a voyage to Iceland, and last, but not least, described the Land of Midian.

Leading the way from the drawing-rooms or divans, he takes us through bedrooms and dressing-rooms, furnished in Spartan simplicity with little iron bedsteads covered with bearskins, and supplied with reading-tables and lamps, beside which repose the Bible, the Shakespeare, the Breviary which go with Captain and Mrs. Burton on all their wanderings. His gifted wife, one of the Arundells of Wardour, is, as becomes a scion of an ancient Anglo-Saxon Catholic house, strongly attached to the Church of Rome; but religious opinion is never allowed to disturb the peace of the Burton household, the head of which is laughingly accused of Mahometanism by his friends. The little rooms are completely lined with rough deal shelves, containing perhaps a thousand or more volumes in every Western language, as well as in Arabic, Persian, and Hindostani. Every odd corner is piled with weapons, guns, pistols, bow-spears, swords of every shape and make, foils and all kinds of meters, barometers, and all kinds of scientific instruments necessary for Oriental expeditions or for Mrs. Burton's Trieste poor, and on it is written "The Pharmacy," which are not wanting, for elephant-nosed Gumpati is there cheek by jowl with Vishnu.

The most remarkable objects in the three rooms just alluded to are the rough deal tables, which occupy most of the floor-space. They are almost like kitchen or ironing tables. There may be eleven of them, each covered with writing-materials. At one of them sits Mrs. Burton in morning negligee, a gray choga—the long loose Indian dressing-gown of soft camel's hair—topped by a smoking-cap of the same material. She rises and greets her husband's old friend with the cheeriest smile in the world. "I see you are looking at our tables. Every one does. Dick likes a separate table for every book, and when he is tired of one he goes to another. There are no tables of any size in Trieste, so I had these made as soon as I came. They are so nice, we may upset anybody being put out of the way. These three little rooms are our 'den,' where we live, work, and receive our friends, and we leave the doors open that we may consult over our work. Look at our view!" From the windows, looking landward, one may see an expanse of country extending for thirty or forty miles, the hills covered with foliage, through which peep trim villas, and beyond the hills higher mountains dotted with villages, a bit of the wild Karso peering from above. On the other side lies spread the Adriatic, with Miramar, poor Maximilian's home and hobby, lying on a rock projecting into the blue water, and on the opposite coast are the Garulan Alps capped with snow.

"Why we live so high up," explains Captain Burton, "is easily explained. To begin with, we are in good condition, and run up and down the stairs like squirrels. We live on the fourth story because there is no fifth. If I had a *campagna* and gardens and servants, horses and carriages, I should feel tied, weighted down, in fact. With a flat and two or three maid-servants, one has only to lock the door and go. It feels like 'light marching order,' as if we were always ready for an expedition, and it is a comfortable place to come back to. Look at our land- and sea-escape! We have air, light, and tranquillity; no dust, no noise, no street smells. Here my wife receives something like seventy very intimate friends every Friday, an exercise of hospitality to which I have no objection, save one, and which I met by the highest we live at. There is in every town a lot of old women of both sexes, who sit for hours talking about the weather and the famous Oriental traveller, and in spite of all this, and perhaps because of it—for the famous Oriental traveller, whose quarters of a hundred languages are

hardly needed for the entry of cargoes at a third-rate seaport, seems to protest too much—one is impelled to ask what anybody can find to do at Trieste, an inquiry simply answered by a 'Stay and see,' with a slap on the shoulder to enforce the invitation. The *ménage Burton* is conducted on the early-rising principle. About four or five o'clock our hosts are astir, and already in their 'den' drinking tea made over a spirit-lamp, and eating bread and fruit, reading and studying languages. By noon the morning's work is got over, including the consumption of a cup of soup, the abstinence without which no true believer is happy, and the obligations of Frankish toilettes. Then comes a stroll to the fencing-school, kept by an excellent broadswordman, an old German trooper. For an hour Captain and Mrs. Burton fence in the school, if the weather be cold; if it is warm they make for the water, and often swim for a couple of hours. Then comes a spell of work at the Consulate. 'I have my Consulate,' the chief explains, 'in the heart of the town. I don't want my Jack-tar in my sanctum; and when he wants me, he has usually been on the spree and got into trouble.' While the husband is engaged in his official duties, the wife is abroad promoting a Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a necessary institution in Southern countries, where—on the purely gratuitous hypothesis that the so-called lower animals have no souls—the atrocious brutality is shown in the treatment of them. 'You see,' remarks our host, 'that my wife and I are like an elder and younger brother living in *gargoyles*. We divide the work. I take all the hard and scientific part, and make her do all the rest. When we have worked all day, and said all we have to say to each other, we want relaxation. To that end we have formed a little 'mess' with fifteen friends at the *table d'hôte* of the Hotel de la Villa, where we get a good dinner and a pint of the country wine made on the hillside for a florin and a half. By this plan we escape the bore of housekeeping, and are relieved from the curse of domesticity which we both hate. At dinner we hear the news, if any, take coffee, cigarettes, and Kirsh on the hotel, then go homewards to read ourselves to sleep; and to-morrow *ad caput*."

To remark that this existence, unless varied by journeys to Midian and elsewhere, would be apt to kindle desires for fresher woods and newer pastures Captain Burton replies: "The existence you deprecate is varied by excursions. I know every stick and stone for a hundred miles round, and all the prehistoric remains of the country-side. Our Austrian Governor-general, Baron Pino, is a first-rate fellow, and often gives us a cruise in the Government yacht. It is, as you say, an odd place for me to be in; but recollect, it is not every place that would suit me."—World.

Quotations.

Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

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| OPUM.—New Patna, cash, 557½ | |
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| " Old Patna, cash, 557½ | |
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| " New Benares, cash, 527½ | |
| " do, do, 527½ | |
| " Old Benares, cash, 527½ | |
| " do, do, 527½ | |
| " New Malwa, cash, 766 | |
| " do, do, 766 | |
| " Allowance Teels, 775 | |
| " Old Malwa, cash, 775 | |
| " do, do, 775 | |
| " Allowance Teels, 775 | |

Exchange.

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| Telegraphic Transfer, ... | 3/6 |
| Bank, on demand, ... | 3/7 |
| " 30 days' sight, ... | 3/7 |
| " 6 months' sight, ... | 3/8 1/4 |
| Credit, ... | 3/8 |
| Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... | 3/9 |
| Bombay, demand Rupees, ... | 220 |
| Calcutta, ... | 220 |
| Shanghai, demand, ... | 729 |
| " 30 days, ... | 730 |
| Bar Silver, 17 dwts. B., ... | 109 1/2 |
| Sycee, ... | 109 1/2 |
| Mexicans, ... | 2 1/2 % |
| Gold Leaf, 99½ fine, ... | 27.60 |
| English Sovereigns, ... | 5.37 |
| Australian Sovereigns, ... | 5.37 |

Shares.

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| Hongkong Bank, 48 % prem. | |
| Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,630 | |
| China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,500 | |
| Yankee Ins. Assoc., \$1,725 | |
| Chinese Insurance Co., \$310 | |
| North China Ins. Co., \$1,250 | |
| H. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$500 | |
| China Fire Ins. Co., \$180 | |
| H. K. & W. Dock Co., 6 % dis. | |
| H. K. O. & S. S. Co., 3 % dis. | |
| Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$14.17 | |
| China Coast S. S. Nav. Co., \$14.102 | |
| Hongkong Gas Co., \$80 | |
| Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55 | |
| China Sugar Refining Co., \$148 | |
| Chinese Imperial Loan, \$109 | |
| Do, of 1877, \$108/10. | |

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

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| Hongkong, January 21, 1879. | |
| BAROMETR.—9 A.M. ... | 30.200 |
| Do. 1 P.M. ... | 30.108 |
| Do. 4 P.M. ... | 30.100 |
| Thermometer.—9 A.M. ... | 65 |
| Do. 1 P.M. ... | 67 |
| Do. 4 P.M. ... | 65 |
| Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. ... | 63 |
| Do. 1 P.M. ... | 63 1/2 |
| Do. 4 P.M. ... | 64 |
| Do. Maximum ... | 69 |
| Do. Minimum overnight ... | 62 |

Shipping Intelligence.

The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:—

| VESSELS TO ARRIVE. | | |
|--------------------|--------|---------|
| AT HONGKONG. | | |
| When left. | Name. | From. |
| 8 Jan. | Peter, | Maaslah |
| 21, Fulda, | | Hamburg |
| 20, Rosaire, | | Cardiff |

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUÉZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 25th January,
1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
IRAOUADY, Commandant GAUVAIN,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Speed will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Speed and Parcels until 3 p.m.,
on the 24th January, 1879. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, January 14, 1879. ja25

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

and
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched
for San Francisco via Yokohama,
on TUESDAY, the 4th February, 1879, at
8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd February. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
on Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, January 3, 1879. fe4

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, OR
PAPERS will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Insurances.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents in Hongkong for the above-
named Company, are prepared to Grant
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in
China.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,
are distributed annually to Contributors
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premium contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

Insurances.

BERLIN COLOGNE
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
BERLIN.

Guarantee Funds of the
Company's Reinsurers, M. 100,000,000
Shareholders' Capital, " 6,000,000
Premiums and Interests " 5,157,643
Reserves, " 1,466,123

Makes a Grand Total of... M. 112,823,763

Capital Insured and of 1877, M. 1,924,507,681

THE Underigned having been Appoint-
ed AGENTS GENERAL for the
above Company, are prepared to grant
Insurances to the extent of \$50,000 on
First-class Risks at Current Rates.

GROSSMANN & Co.,
Agents General.

Hongkong, January, 1879. fe16

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY,
LONDON.

THE AGENCY of the above Company
at this Port and at Poonchow has
This Day been Transferred to the Under-
signed, who are prepared to accept Risks
and grant Policies at Current Rates.

BIRLEY & Co.

Hongkong, January 11, 1879. fe11

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
China and Japan, and at Singapore,
Saidon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either
here, in London or at the principal Ports
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling
of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Underigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Poonchow, Shanghai,
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
therein, at current local rates, subject to a
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,
"VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.
No. 42, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN consequence of the Fire, NAM HING
LOONG has REMOVED to No. 6,
STANLEY STREET, where Business will be
Conducted as usual.

Hongkong, December 28, 1878. — ja28

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SEVENTH RETURN OF CAPITAL
at the Rate of TWO TALLS per
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of
Record on the 8th January, Payable at the
Office of the Liquidators, on WED-
NESDAY, the 15th January.

Warrants will then be delivered by the
Liquidators to Shareholders, or their
lawful representatives, on presentation of
Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 15th
January, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, January 4, 1879. fe8

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's
day (February 17, 1879) the Chinese
Mail will be issued DAILY instead of tri-
weekly as heretofore. No change, how-
ever, will be made in the price of subscrip-
tion, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now
assimilated to those of the China Mail.
The unusual success which has attended
the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable
medium for advertisers.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual
circulation of one thousand copies. It is
already the most influential native journal
published, and enjoys considerable prestige
at the Ports of China and Japan, and at
Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Fran-
cisco and Australia.

China Mail Office.

TO LET.

TO BE LET.

HOUSES Nos. 5 and 9, Zeland Street.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GO-
DOWNS, Nos. 64 and 66,
Praya Central.

Apply to — WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West,
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,
formerly known as the Blue Houses,
situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession
1st February.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Cor-
ridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING
HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at
Wanchai. These may be had in Apart-
ments of Two or Three Rooms to suit
convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking
on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,
Praya Central.

Apply to — TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

For Sale.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

China Mail Office.

NOW READY.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND
PRACTICE. By Dr. E. J. EVELL. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs Lane,
Crawford & Co.,

Hongkong, July 21, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h*, near the Kowloon shore *k*, and those in the body of the
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name. Anchor-
age. Captain. Flag and
Rig. Tons. Date of
Arrival. Consignees or Agents. Destination. Remarks.

Steamers

Albay F. Ashton Brit. str. 366 Jan. 18 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Amoy & Taiwanfoe K'loon Dock

America G. Graham Brit. str. 1000 Jan. 17 Landstein & Co. Shanghai To-day

Argyll C. Drewes Brit. str. 814 Jan. 19 Siemssen & Co. Hongkong

Atlanta C. Scott Brit. str. 1271 Dec. 22 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Hongkong

Bellona J. Petersen Ger. str. 782 Jan. 16 Meyer & Co. Hongkong

Bombay A. Ahrens Ger. str. 789 Jan. 13 Siemssen & Co. Hongkong

China A. Alderton Brit. str. 1036 Jan. 15 P. & O. S. N. Co. Yokohama

Chinkiang J. Orr Brit. str. 799 Dec. 21 Siemssen & Co. Shanghai

Conquest S. Scott Brit. str. 317 Jan. 19 Kwong Lee Yuen Hongkong

Danube J. Clancy Brit. str. 561 Jan. 18 Yuen Fat Hong Hongkong

Diamante Thebaud Brit. str. 514 Jan. 19 Russell & Co. Manila

Douglas J. Young Brit. str. 864 Jan. 21 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Coast Ports

Emmy C. Blanco Span. str. 222 Jan. 21 Remedios & Co. Amoy and Manila

Fame J. Stapan Brit. str. 117 Jan. 19 H. K. & W. Poon Dock Co. Tug Flying

Glenorchy J. Hogg Brit. str. 1775 Jan. 19 Jardine, Matheson & Co. To-day

Iraouaddy C. Gauvain Feb. str. 2568 Jan. 21 Messageries Maritimes—Saidon

Killarney C. O'Neill Brit. str. 1060 Jan. 19 O. M. S. N. Co. Marseilles, &c.

Lee Yuen J. Tisdall Chi. str. 704 Jan. 12 Malchers & Co. Shanghai

Lorne J. McCulloch Brit. str. 1034 Jan. 12 Siemssen & Co. K'loon Dock

Ningpo J. Cass Brit. str. 666 June 28 Kwok Acheong Y'ama & S. Falcou 4th prox.

Norma J. Metcalf Brit. str. 670 Jan. 17 O. & S. S. Co. Sands' Slip

Oceanic J. Metcalf Ger. str. 670 Jan. 10 Siemssen & Co. Hongkong

Pacific J. McKirdy Belg. str. 2297 Dec. 17 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Saigon

Paraisa C. Wang Amer. str. 676 Jan. 17 W. H. Ray K'loon Dock

Sea Gull J. Pocock Brit. str. 820 Jan. 9 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Swatow

Thales J. Goggin Brit. str. 286 Jan. 21 Kwok Acheong New York

Yotting J. Goggin Brit. str. 286 Jan. 21 Kwok Acheong New York

Sailing Vessels

Agate J. Pike Amer. bge. 620 Dec. 20 Vogel & Co. Hongkong

Alden Bease J. Noyes Amer. bge. 850 Dec. 17 Rozario & Co. Hongkong

Alfredo C. Pittaluga Ital. bge. 908 Jan. 17 Borneo Co., Limited. Hongkong

Black Hawk J. Howland Amer. sb. 1126 Jan. 13 Geo. R. Stevens & Co. Hongkong

Black Watch J. Kennish Brit. bge. 491 Dec. 6 Master Sands' Slip

Carnarvonshire J. Flahwick Brit. bge. 388 Nov. 13 Gibb, Livingston & Co. Hongkong

Charité J. Foch Fch. bge. 256 Jan. 18 Carlowitz & Co. Hongkong

Charmer J. Lucky Amer. sb. 1333 Jan. 8 Order Hongkong

Christina J. Capra Nic. S. m. sc. 173 Dec. 23 J. dos Remedios & Co. Hongkong

Cropan J. Hall Amer. sch. 188 July 18 W. H. Ray Hongkong

Coloma J. Hall Amer. bge. 858 Nov. 15 Russell & Co. Hongkong

Commissary J. Morrison Brit. sch. 900 Oct. 23 Meyer & Co. Hongkong

Condor J. Steffens Ger. bge. 868 Nov. 22 Vogel & Co. Hongkong

Connaught Ranger J. Murphy Brit. sch. 1153 Dec. 8 Malchers & Co. Hongkong

Cordouan J. Herbert Fch. bge. 459 Nov. 10 Carlowitz & Co. Hongkong

Corea J. Pearce Brit. bge. 586 Jan. 9 Meyer & Co. Hongkong

Cresswell J. White Brit. bge. 464 Jan. 6 Wier & Co. Hongkong

E. C. Mutch J. Mutch Brit. sch. 182 Jan. 5 Captain Hongkong

Koho J. Tezer Brit. sch. 869 Jan. 5 Arnold, Karberg & Co. Hongkong

Elizabeth Nicholson J. O'Brien Brit. sch. 864 Oct. 17 Borneo Co., Limited. Hongkong

Emilio V. J. Merello Ital. bge. 724 Nov. 30 D. Munro & Co. Hongkong